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FROM Mr. W.S. Morgan (C.O.) to Mr. Cloake

No. 96038/4.

Dated 16 Oct 1948

Received in Registry 26 Oct 1948

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J. F. Cloake 28/10

Mr MacLaren

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Dear Cloake,

Further to the dossier of material from Malaya on terrorist activities that I sent you on 15th October, I enclose a further selection together with a copy of the covering saving telegram,

Yours sincerely,

W.J. Morgan

J.C. Cloake, Esq

6th November 1948

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Many thanks for your letters of the 16th and 20th October,

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Inf. Res. Dept.

COLONIAL OFFICE

Reference 96038/4

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Dear Cloake,

I attach, as promised, the dossier of material about the terrorists that has been forwarded by the Federation of Malaya Government.

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Yours sincerely,
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FOREIGN OFFICE,
17, Carlton House Terrace,
S.W.1.

29th November, 1948.

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12 November, 1948

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Dear Cloake,

With reference to your letter of 6th November, I enclose for your use a copy of speeches as prepared by "non-Government" members of the Legislative Council of the Federation of Malaya for ~~the~~ a discussion on 5th October on the subject of the emergency.

I also enclose a set of Press cuttings from Malaya. I should be glad to learn whether these are of use to you and whether you would like to continue to receive them.

Yours sincerely,

W.S. Morgan

J.C. CLOAKE, ESQ.,

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Registry Number PR1130/660/913

FROM W.S. Morgan, Colonial Office to Mr Cloake.

No. 96038/1/6

Dated Nov 19 48

Received in Registry 27th Nov 1948

Information on bandits in Malaya: figures indicating bandits consist mainly of Chinese.

Transmits copy of letter from W.S. Morgan to Mr D. O'Shea.

Reference: Colonial Office letter of 12th Nov. (PR932/660/913)

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The material enclosed in Mr Morgan's letter of the 12th November has already been returned to him.

The figures given in the enclosure are very useful, especially the two columns marked.

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Sanctuary Buildings,
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My Reference 96038/1/E

Your Reference .....

November, 1948.

Dear Cloake,

Malayan Material

Further to my letter of 12th November, I enclose a copy of a letter which contains some useful figures indicating that the bandits in Malaya are almost entirely Chinese and that the various races, particularly the Malays, have rallied to join the security forces.

12/Nov

When you have finished with the material enclosed with my letter, I should be glad if you could forward it on to Mrs. Burke, Reference Section, Central Office of Information, 8, Baker Street, W.1.

Yours sincerely,

W.S. Morgan

(W.S.Morgan)
Head of Information Services Branch

J.C.CLOAKE, ESQ.

96038/E/48

November, 1948.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th October, enclosing a copy of the "Malayan Monitor".

This publication contains many misrepresentations. You may be interested in the enclosed memorandum which sets out the real facts in the present situation in Malaya, and in the following figures of casualties, which illustrate that so far from being a national uprising the wave of violence is directed by a small section of the Chinese community predominantly against their Chinese fellow countrymen who refuse to co-operate with them in their criminal attempts.

From the beginning of the disturbances until the 31st of October the following civilian casualties were incurred;

Chinese	176
Malays	33
Indians	8
Europeans	18
Indonesians	2
Sikhs (Aborigines)	3

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D. O'SHEA, ESQ.,

"law and order on the question of the emergency and how it has to be handled, there cannot be any divided loyalties, there are not any differing interests, there does not exist any conflict of duties ..... I assure Honourable members of this House, though I have no right to speak on behalf of the other communities, that I pledge my community and the community of all others represent ed on this Council that, on this question of law and order, we have no divided loyalties at all (applause) we have no special interest at all".

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(W.S. Morgan)
Head of Information Services Branch

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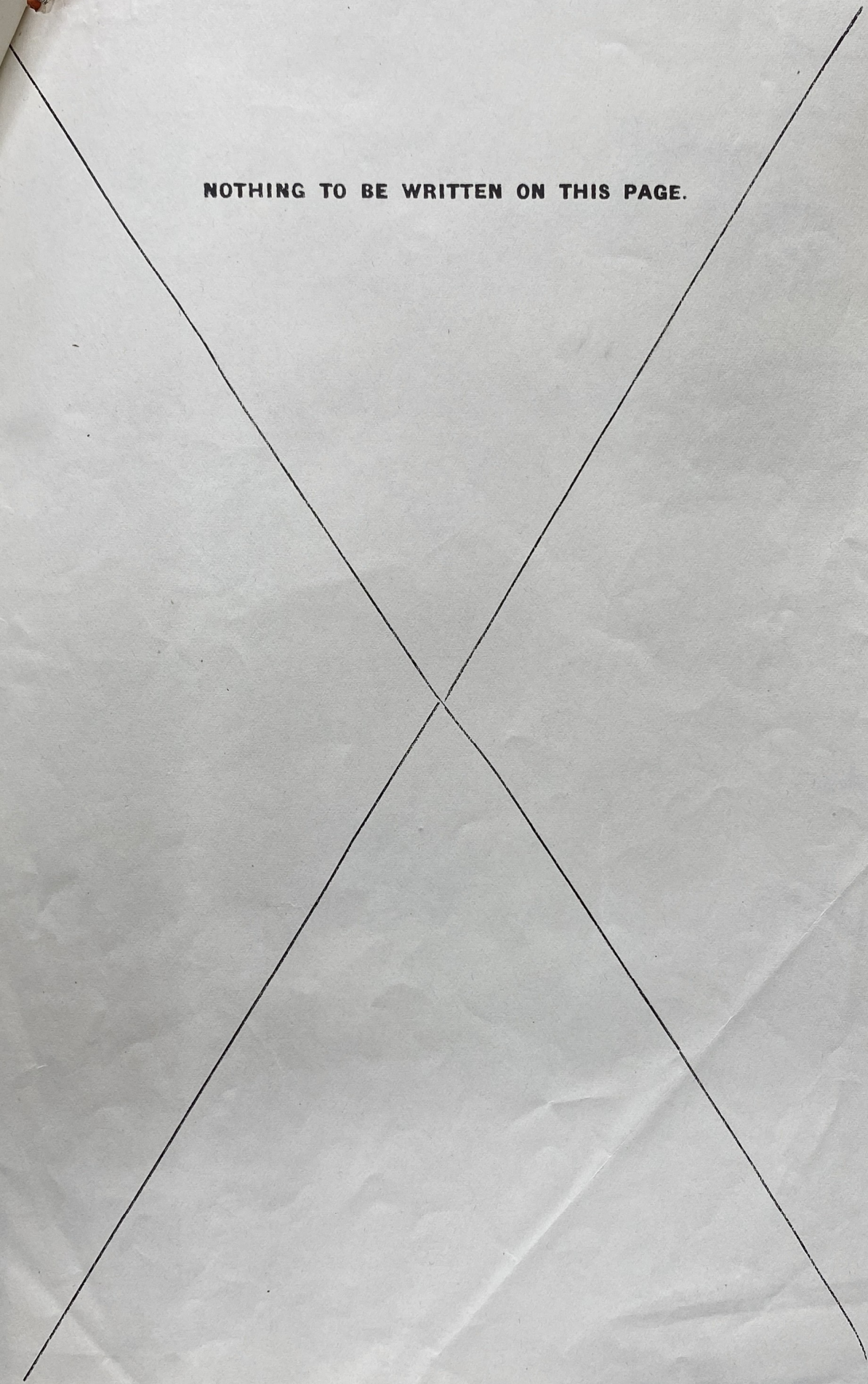

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FROM Mr. Morgan, CO to Mr. Cooke.

No. 96038/1/E.

Dated 2-12-42.

Received in Registry 3-12-42.

Communist press material available in Malaya.

Refers to F.O. letter of 29th. November (PR952/660/913)

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COLONIAL OFFICE

Sanctuary Buildings,
Great Smith Street,
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My Reference ... 96038/1/E

Your Reference .....

2 December, 1948.

Dear Cloake,

Thank you very much for your letter PR 932/660/913 of 29th November returning Malayan material about the communist emergency.

I am informing Malaya of your views as to the sort of material you wish to receive, and I should be grateful if you would keep under review the suitability of the material so that it may be kept to our needs and we may avoid imposing any unnecessary work on the part of the public relations staff in Malaya.

I should mention that, leaving aside the big Straits Times group, the Malay Mail, and possibly a Penang paper, the press of Malaya is local and non-European in ownership. Even the English Malaya Tribune is mainly owned by Chinese and every Malay, Chinese, and Tamil vernacular newspaper reflects the racial outlooks of their various owners and communities. Extracts that you receive, for instance, from the Malay newspapers - Mejlis, Utusan Melaya, Warta Negara, and Berita Ahad - are entirely Malay in outlook.

I enclose a further batch of material newly received from Malaya.

Yours sincerely,

W.S. Morgan

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UTUSAN MELAYU (SINGAPORE MALAY DAILY) 30.10.48.

EDITORIAL:- Commenting on Che' Abdul Rashid's speech in the Pahang State Council on October 22, in which he warned that Communism would flourish as long as the inhabitants lived in hardship and poverty, the leader says that judging from Mr. MacDonald's recent statement in London, the improvement of the Malay standard of living will have to be postponed to a later date.

The Government however realises that by neglecting the people's living conditions it will help the Communists' plan to succeed, as in China. Therefore, in order to destroy Communism, Government should not only depend upon force of arms but should also take steps to improve the country's economy.

"BERITA AHAD" (PENANG MALAY WEEKLY) 24.10.48.
EDITORIAL:- Malay Awakening. Welcoming signs of awakening among Malays, the leader stresses that they must never relax in their struggle for national emancipation and calls for close co-operation between the Rulers and the ra'ayat. There should be no bounds within the country and the welfare of each State should be the concern of all. Dato' Onn is visiting London not on Johore's behalf alone and the entire nation should therefore wish him every success.

CHINA PRESS (KUALA LUMPUR CHINESE DAILY) 27.10.48.
NEWS ITEMS:-

The Chinese Consul, Ipoh, met Mr. Li Chin, the Consul-General for the Federation, at Kuala Lumpur on October 26. In a Press statement, he stressed the importance of maintaining Sino-Malay friendly relations. He requested the Chinese to be fair to all races in their business transactions and to avoid discrimination against any particular group. He added that the Chinese in Perak expected him to serve as a bridge between the Malays and themselves, but asked them to help him in this task by trying to learn the Muslim religion.

Since the opening of the Consulate at Ipoh, there had been an average of one Muslim visitor a day.

Commenting on the present emergency, he stated that educated Malays in urban areas were very understanding and had no trouble with the Chinese. Generally speaking, a majority of the Malays were willing to co-operate and be friendly with the Chinese. Therefore, he hoped that the Chinese would reciprocate by being fair in all their dealings with the Malays and other races.

WARTA NEGARA (PENANG MALAY DAILY) 28.10.48.
EDITORIAL:- "Most essential step".

Commending the authorities concerned for the recent arrest and conviction of three illegal Chinese immigrants, the leader says that the case serves to stress the need for stricter measures to prevent illegal immigration into Malaya, and supports the Court's sentence of imprisonment and deportation after the men have served their prison terms.

Malays have long striven for the closing of Malaya's door to immigration, which is necessary not only for the peace of the country, but also for the economic welfare of the natives. Unchecked immigration will only aggravate their economic difficulties. The British Government should not fail to fulfil their obligations to the people of Malaya.

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NEWS ITEMS:- The MNP, Johore branch, held its first meeting since the emergency on October 29 and passed three resolutions:

(i) Urging the Government to restore peace and security in the country as soon as possible and fulfil its promise to give Malaya self-government.

(ii) Appealing to Government for the release ofMNP members detained during the emergency.

(iii) Pledging the support of the MNP to Government in the task of achieving self-government.

MAJLIS (KUALA LUMPUR MALAY DAILY) 31.10.48.
EDITORIAL:- Malay economy IV.

Malays today have proved themselves in politics and education and have shown that they can sacrifice their lives for their country, as for example in the present emergency. But they realise that unless they are economically strong their progress will be limited.

One of Dato' Onn's aims in going to London is probably the improvement of Malay economy and it is hoped that his mission will be a success, so that what Mr. Rees Williams said about the future progress of the Malays may prove true.

MAJLIS (KUALA LUMPUR MALAY DAILY) 1.11.48.
EDITORIAL:- Malay economy V.

The British Government has realised its past mistake of allowing large numbers of foreigners to enter this country, a policy which has made the Malays economically poor. It is now trying to recruit Malay labourers in Kelantan and Trengganu for work on European estates. This is like transferring them from east to west. What is required to improve the Malay economy is to increase the number of Malay labourers and lessen the number of others.

The question of bringing Indonesian labourers into Malaya was raised by Malays twenty years ago and it is left to Government to take action on this matter if it wishes to strengthen the Malays' economy.

UTUSAN MELAYU (SINGAPORE MALAY DAILY) 1.11.48.
EDITORIAL:- "Labour crisis in Malaya".

Says that there is an acute shortage of labour in Malaya as a result not only of terrorist activity, but also the present policy of the Government of India in banning emigrant labour. This is behind Government's plan to recruit labour from Kelantan and the Northern States for work on estates and mines.

Supports the suggestion by Che' Salleh Hakim and Tuan Haji Eusof, M.C.S., of the Selangor State Council, to import labour from Indonesia in order not to disrupt padi planting in the Northern States.

UTUSAN MELAYU (SINGAPORE MALAY DAILY) 2.11.48.
EDITORIAL:- Commenting on Mr. Rees William's statement that Malays will surprise the world in their future progress, the leader warns them to prepare for coming changes.

Their progress in the political field has led them to claim their rights, and success will depend on their own efforts.

CHINA PRESS (KUALA LUMPUR CHINESE DAILY) 2.11.48.
NEWS ITEMS:- At a reception given in his honour by the Selangor Chinese on November 1, Archbishop Paul Yu Pin described the war in China as one against Communist aggression and to preserve the nation's culture. It is a war between civilization and barbarism, and the present trouble in Malaya is affected by it, he added.

In a Press interview at Kuala Lumpur on November 1, the Archbishop of Nanking stated that the present Malayan emergency was the work of fifth columnists of the Communist International. It is not a question of Chinese creating trouble in the country, for the Communist International embraces all races.

Referring to the status of Chinese here he stated that they had a long history in Malaya, and advised them to co-operate with the other races in striving for the prosperity of Malaya.

KIN KWOK DAILY NEWS (IPOH CHINESE DAILY) 30.10.48.
EDITORIAL:- Promoting Sino-Malay relations.

Urges the Chinese to study the Muslim religion in order to promote friendly relations with the Malays, who on their part should show friendliness towards the Chinese.

Some Malays think that the present crisis is caused by the Chinese, and as a result a number of anti-Chinese incidents have occurred, e.g. the burning of Chinese houses by Malay Special Constables in Tronoh. Understanding Malays, however, will check such actions which may adversely affect Sino-Malay relations.

UTUSAN MELAYU (SINGAPORE MALAY DAILY) 4.11.48.
EDITORIAL:- "Penang and Malacca".

Requests the British Government to return Penang to Kedah and Malacca to either Johore or Negri Sembilan.

Penang was originally Kedah territory. The agreement that Penang has to pay a sum of $10,000/- a year to the Kedah Government has no meaning considering that Malaya is progressing towards self-government.

Malacca was also a Malay State until it was exchanged for an island in Indonesia between the Dutch and the British.

Malacca Malays are backward in everything and the only way to improve their position is to return Malacca to the Malays.

The return of Penang and Malacca to the Malay States will prove the sincereity of the British Government and their friendship with the Malays as affirmed by Mr. Rees Williams in London recently. The country's administrative machinery will run more smoothly; there will be a reduction of expenditure; intricacies in Federal administration will disappear and Malaya's progress towards self-government will be facilitated.

It seems strange that although Malacca is included in the Federation, its people have to register as British subjects.

MAJLIS (KUALA LUMPUR MALAY DAILY) 7.11.48.
EDITORIAL:- Dato' Onn in London II.

Dato' Onn was referring to a section of the Malays, who have been misled by the Council of Joint Action, when he recently said that a small group was clamouring for immediate self-government. Malays are not ready for independence as long as they are economically weak.

He also said that they were in effect killing their own kind by asking for an immediate grant of independence. Today it is evident that the Chinese Communists are trying to trample on the Malays in order to achieve their objects. But it is fortunate that the majority of the Malays are not swayed by Communist propaganda.

If Malays wish to acquire self-government they must strengthen their country's defence and economy, develop their regiments, navy and air units, wipe out illiteracy in their midst and prepare themselves generally for it.

MAJLIS (KUALA LUMPUR MALAY DAILY) 8.11.48.
EDITORIAL:- Deplores an allegation by the so-called Malay progressive parties that Dato' Onn left for London without consulting them, and the declaration by one of the Malay States that he has no mandate to speak on its behalf.

Malays should understand that Dato' Onn's visit to London is an unofficial one and they are not bound by everything he says in London.

They must realise that the Federation Constitution is based on an agreement of partnership and friendship between Great Britain and the Malay States and that it contains a provision that Malaya must be given self-government when it is fit.

MAJLIS (KUALA LUMPUR MALAY DAILY) 9.11.48.
EDITORIAL:- "For the Safety of Malaya".

Commenting on the critical situation in China, the editorial warns that if the National Government should collapse, the whole of China would become "Red".

This will have repercussions in Malaya where, although only a small section of the Chinese are Communists, yet those who "sit on the fence" may suddenly turn "Red", just as during the occupation they declared themselves for Wang Ching-wei.

The Federation Government and the British Government should not commit the same mistake of treating the Communists in Malaya as friends, when they have revealed their true colours. Measures should be adopted to strengthen and expand the land, sea and air forces of this country in order to cope with any eventuality.

POSTBAG:- Readers' views on "What should be done if the Communists were to surrender?"

(a) "Send them back to China or kill them" - Kampar, Perak.

(b) "Take their records and release them. If they commit any crime again, then sentence them to death" - Sungei Ayer Tawar, Selangor.

(c) "Deport them" - Banir, Perak.

(d) "Those who are guilty of murder should be sentenced to death. The others should be banished" - Ipoh, Perak.

(e) "Every bandit leader should be tried at the place where he has terrorised the public. Death should be the punishment. All cases must be carefully investigated and where doubts exist as to guilt, the individuals concerned should be detained for the length of time they have engaged in terrorism and later banished. Those who give satisfactory explanations should be placed on parole and made to report.every month under the Record of Bad Characters" - Sauk, Perak.

(f) "Surrendered Communists should be given police protection and released when the emergency is over. The unrepentant among them should be banished" - Chemor, Perak.

(g) "They should be detained, closely guarded and the cost of their maintenance should be borne by the Chinese community in Malaya until they are sentenced" - Kelantan.

(h) "Detain them on one of the islands off Malaya. Use them as a weapon of propaganda against their comrades" - Pontian, Johore.

(i) "Get the Government of their country to stand guarantee for them or treat them as POWs" - Kluang, Johore.

TAMIL NESAN (KUALA LUMPUR TAMIL DAILY) 9.11.48.
EDITORIAL:- "Labour and Propaganda".

Commenting on the advice given to planters by Mr.D.Farquharson, President of the Negri branch, Malayan Planting Industries Employers' Association, to talk to labour and counter Communist propaganda, the leader says that mere counter propaganda will not do.

Labourers in Malaya are politically immature and they do not care for ideologies like Communism, Socialism or Democracy. All that they desire is a better living standard and better working conditions. If the planters really strive to give them these, labour and industrial peace will prevail in Malaya.

Mere anti-Communist propaganda will be futile for Communist propaganda is simple, forceful and easily captures the imagination of the poor.

However, Mr. Farquharson's recommendation for amenities to be extended to labourers is to be welcomed. "A healthy and contented labour force" is the real defence against the onslaughts of Communism.

Large sums of public money are being expended for the Police and Army, and it may be necessary to effect a saving. But labour welfare must be safeguarded. Real internal security cannot be established by the army or the police alone. If a feeling of loyalty to Government is to be aroused in the people, they must be made to feel that the Government is their own. Then, automatically, a way will open for the economic, social and cultural progress of this country.

MAJLIS (KUALA LUMPUR MALAY DAILY) 11.11.48.
EDITORIAL:- Commenting on the present political situation in the Far East and South-East Asia, the leader warns that the immediate grant of self-government to Malaya would lead to clashes between the Malays on the one hand, and the Chinese and Indians on the other.

SIN CHEW JIT POH (SINGAPORE CHINESE DAILY) 11.11.48.
EDITORIAL:- An appeal to Government.

Since the promulgation of the Emergency Regulations in the country, we have great confidence in Government's ability to curb terrorism and have fully supported every step taken by Government towards this end. However, we feel there are several points in Government's emergency policy which should be reviewed.

Firstly, we do not consider it absolutely necessary for Government to burn down the houses of villagers who are suspected of giving aid to the terrorists. The military viewpoint is that the destruction of villagers' houses can cut off the terrorists' food supply and destroy their hide-outs. However, when it is not certain how greatly the terrorists are affected by this course of action consideration must be given to the hardship of villagers who have been deprived of their homes. The futility of such a measure has been shown by the experience of the Chinese Government in its anti-Communist campaign. Therefore the local Government should avoid such action unless it is absolutely necessary.

Secondly, there is a possibility that Government's action may encourage the rise of narrow Malay nationalism in this country. It is most unfair to cast aspersions upon the Chinese community because Chinese predominate among the terrorists. Recently, the British Adviser, Perak, stated that Malaya belongs to the Malays. This statement will only add fuel to the fire of narrow nationalism.

Finally, the Chinese are against thumbprinting in National Registration because of its adverse psychological effect upon the people.

WARTA NEGARA (PENANG MALAY DAILY) 11.11.48.
EDITORIAL:- "Siam and the Communists". Commenting on reports of Siam's readiness to deal with any attempt by the Communists to seize power, the leader believes that her most potent weapon against Communist propaganda is her strong peasant economy and stable food situation. However, it stresses that the Siamese authorities should differentiate between Communists and nationalists like the Patani Malays, whose aspirations are legal and who do not resort to terrorist methods.

MAJLIS (KUALA LUMPUR MALAY DAILY) 12.11.48.
EDITORIAL:- Turkey. Supports the action taken by theGovernment of Turkey against any attempts by political organisations to introduce Communism in the country, and warns Malays not to be misled by Communist propaganda.

UTUSAN ZAMAN (SINGAPORE MALAY WEEKLY) 14.11.48.
EDITORIAL:- "Malay language". Says that the need for Malay to be used as the official language of this country has been stressed not only in Perlis but also in Perak and Selangor since the Federation of Malaya came into existence.

It is a disgrace to Malays that their language is not valued and they ought to realise that this is the cause of their backwardness. Their ignorance of the laws and administration of the country even led them to sell their land and property to foreigners.

But the Malays have awakened since the Japanese occupation when all the laws were published in the vernacular papers, and it is hoped that they will continue to protest until their language is officially recognised and used throughout Malaya. However, their success also depends on whether or not Government will fulfil its duty to the people.

WARTA NEGARA (PENANG MALAY DAILY) 13.11.48.
EDITORIAL:- Dato' Onn. Commenting on Dato' Onn's reported recommendations to the Colonial Office regarding Malaya, the leader says that he has expressed fully the views and aspirations of the Malays, and that the British Government must now prove its sincerity to them.

Dato' Onn has done well to draw attention to the steadily worsening Anglo-Malay relationship and it is up to Britain to act in remedying the situation.

MAJLIS (KUALA LUMPUR MALAY DAILY) 15.11.48.
EDITORIAL:- "Dato' Onn in London II"

Referring to the three proposals made by Dato' Onn to Whitehall the editorial says that the Malays have always desired to see members of their own race at the head of Federal departments or at least as assistants to heads of departments and a Deputy High Commissioner, for there are capable men among them for such appointments.

On the question of the defence of Malaya, they realise that the task is theirs, and they have proved themselves in the fight against the Communist terrorists.

It is a well-known fact that the economy of the Malays has been undermined by Government's policy of opening Malaya's door to foreign immigrants, and it is right therefore that Britain should make a grant of £10 million to stabilise Malay economy.

UTUSAN MELAYU (SINGAPORE MALAY DAILY) 15.11.48.
EDITORIAL:- "Malaya in House of Lords".

Commenting on the recent debate on Malaya in the House of Lords the leader says that although questions on administration were raised, the main interest was centred upon the problem of restoring peace and tranquillity in this country.

The chief causes of trouble and discontent here are its unsettled political problems which should be solved first. Only then can the aim of self-government be achieved.

TAMIL MURASU (SINGAPORE TAMIL DAILY) 14.11.48.

Commenting on a reported statement by Dato' Onn in London that Malays should be given more senior appointments in the Federal Government, the paper says that the matter need not have been taken to London for according to his own statement (which is a fact), the Malay States and Malay population are in the majority in the Federation. "This is like crying for ghee with butter in hand."

MAJLIS (KUALA LUMPUR MALAY DAILY) 16.11.48.

EDITORIAL:- "Dato' Onn in London".

Referring to Dato' Onn's recommendations to the Colonial Office, the leader says that he has expressed fully the views and hopes of the Malays, and that it is now left to the British Government to prove its sincerity. The leader praises the qualities of Dato' Onn, the highly respected leader of the Malays. Dato' Onn is regarded by the Malays in the same light as Gandhi, Jinnah, Chiang Kai-shek and Soekarno are regarded by their people.

SING PIN JIH PAO (PENANG CHINESE DAILY) 15.11.48.

NEWS ITEMS:- The Penang Chinese community suggest that the Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce, Malaya, should hold a meeting to discuss relief measures for displaced squatters and to urge the Chinese to co-operate with Government to destroy the terrorists. The Chinese in Penang feel that if the Police deem it necessary to evacuate the squatters they should give them sufficient notice and should provide them with alternative accommodation. They should also compensate them for their losses.

MAJLIS DATED 21.10.48

Editorial:- "Russian Aims"

Judging from Russia's movements during the last three years that is since the end of the second World War, it is clear that the aim of Stalin and his satellites is to spread Communism throughout the world.

There are many ways how they introduce Communism to the people. Firstly, they befriend the labourers and the illiterate posing as their champion. When their propaganda and sweet words do not work, they then resort to violence and intimidation. By intimidation, they have conquered the countries of Eastern Europe such as Rumania, Poland, Bulgaria, Hungary, Czeckoslovakia, Albania and Yugoslavia. Sometimes, they cause civil war such as what happened in China, Greece and Republic of Indonesia. They have no other objective besides forcing those countries and their inhabitants to accept Communism.

Some of them adopt the blockade policy as their method, and they purposely prevent the non-Communist countries from getting their essential foodstuffs, so that their people will starve and suffer. That is what they are doing in Berlin to-day in order that Berlin's population will experience hardship and starvation in the coming winter. This is how they planned to conquer Berlin. But let us see how far they will be successful.

Communist activities in South-east Asia are slightly different. In Burma, Communists are slightly stronger, because there is civil war between the Communists and the people of the country and the Communists burn any rice godowns or padi captured by them, their aim is to uproot Burma's economy so that she will be prevented from sending her rice to India, Ceylon, Malaya and elsewhere. The repercussion due to the shortage of rice may effect the countries, who are now relying on Burma's rice. That is also the kind of revolt organised by Communists recently in Siam to uproot Songgram's government. Their aim here is similar to that in Burma.

In Malaya, Communists are trying to intimidate and extort people in order that Malaya's economy such as rubber and tin will

[redacted] be upset. When the economy of a country is in disorder and there is shortage of food then there will certainly be trouble and in such moments, Communism will easily develop among the population. This is Stalin's aim now.

Their attemps to upset Malaya's economy will never be successful, but it is feared that Burma and Siam's rice coming to Malaya may be blocked. So the government of the Federation of Malaya should encourage pa-di-planting from now and Malays must not leave their padi fields lest they will starve such as during the Japanese administration. In future government should not solely rely on Burma or Siam's rice, because it means that we put our lives to foreign countries! The price of Malayan rice should be fixed so as to give profit and encouragement to padi-planters. Let it not happen again as in the past - the padi-fields were deserted by Malays because rice from other countries was pouring to Malaya at a very low price.

MAJLIS DATED 24.10.48.

itorial:- Chinese sitting on the Fence.

The number of Malays who joined the Special Police Force as recently announced is 22,316 against 1,542 Indians and 419 Chinese. This clearly shows that the number of Chinese who joined the Special Police Force is only 2% of the number of Malays, and the number of Indians is 7%. The number of Chinese Special Police is just " a drop of water in the ocean " compared with the number of Malays enrolled, in spite of the fact that the Chinese inhabitants in Malaya are more or less equal to that of the Malays. Moreover the Chinese form the majority of the wealthy mercantile classes who control the economy of Malaya at present. In view of the above facts the Chinese who should come out and enrol themselves in the Special Police Force in bigger number than the Malays in order to protect themselves and their economies from the terrorism of the Communists. But our assumption is wrong and what actually happens is that the Chinese prefer to " sit on the fence" - to play double faces, support both parties - just as what they had done during the Japanese Regime. During the Japenese Occupation Period almost all the Chinese in Malaya claimed to be the subjects of Wong Cheng Wai and pro Japanese. But when the Japanese surrendered and British Administration came back all the Chinese in Malaya changed their loyalty and claimed to be the subjects of President Chiang Kai Shek again.

Now President Chiang's Government is terribly shaken by the Communists and the future development is still in doubt. Should Nanking Government fall to the Communists it will not be surprising if all Chinese in Malaya will then turn "red". Perhaps that is what they are waiting for and is one of the reasons that makes them to simply " sit on the fence ".

At present Chinese leaders including Chinese Consuls Malaya have made appeals to Chinese community asking them to co-operate with the Government in fighting the Communists so that peace will be restored in Malaya. We cannot tell whether these appeals are

sincere or not but what we have seen is that their appeals are not met with the expected response. Chinese community whom we believe want to live in peace are keeping quiet and do not take any action while the communists are busy with their terrorism in full swing.

While the Chinese indulged in their "sitting on the fence" policy, news from Kelantan came saying that 46,000 Malays have volunteered as kampong guards. From what we understand not only in Kelantan but throughout Malaya Malays have come forward to do their duty towards the country - which we hope that the British Goverrment will understand and the Government of Federation of Malaya will recognise. The Malays know that their position will not be steady without the British support, On the other hand the British people must also realise that their position in Malaya will not be permanent unless supported by the Malays who are the natives of the country.

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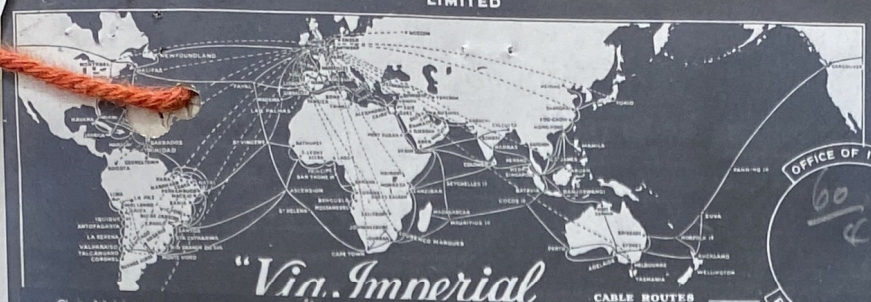

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Following quotations also relevant

Chung Shing Jit Enae (KMT paper) wrote 17th January:-

"Chinese have been settling in Malaya long before British Administration. They have no political ambition of ruling this country. They could have done so before British came.

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